

WOOL HOLDERS HOPEFUL.

Many Think Values Have Struck Bottom—A Little Better Feeling in Goods Reported.

All local wool dealers admit that prices have suffered severely during the past few weeks of rather spasmodic and limited trading, but there is difference of opinion as to the extent of the decline and as to whether values have struck bottom. "We are nearer a working basis than for months," prices won't be any lower in the near future," is the opinion of one prominent dealer, says the Boston Transcript. That of another is "there is some wool selling, but prices are regulated by the wishes and desires of sellers, those needing money most accepting any reasonable bid, prices, in fact, are a little better than in the past, but the situation is still another opinion is that the situation is 'getting to the end of the period of depression,' the demand improving with prospects of a better business shortly, prices having struck bottom." October consumption has steadily declined, each week witnessing additions to the list of idle machinery, in practically all branches of the woolen industry. Recent careful estimates point to not more than 50 per cent of the machinery of the country being employed. President Wood of the American Woolen company admits the present to be the hardest season since the company was formed, and that it never ran so little machinery as to-day, 45 per cent of the machinery being idle.

Reports that there have been large sales of piece goods in New York this week have been greatly exaggerated. Still there is slightly increased activity in men's wear lines, and a better feeling all around. Many manufacturers report getting more orders, in some instances of fair volume, especially in the better class of goods. Specifications on yarns are more liberal. There is evidence that during the past few days there has been a turn for the better in the resumption of the industry, but no sudden resumption of activity is anticipated even by the most sanguine. Even though moderate improvement in the goods market is reflected in a more generally hopeful feeling among holders of raw material. Should the improvement be maintained and rather fewer resulting in larger employment of machinery, demand for wool will increase and the downward course of prices be checked. This seems to be consensus of opinion, even of those who have been and still are bearish.

A number of buyers have been on the market this week and more are expected, as the necessities of many districts. Two or three dress goods manufacturers have been operating and a prominent spinner. The latter has bought a fair amount of territory wool here and some in Hartford. Between 600,000 and 700,000 pounds are estimated as the total of this buyer's operations in the two markets. This is in addition to other considerable contracts closed previously by the same buyer. A feature of the week is quite a movement in low wools, including good-sized sales, in the aggregate, of territory, Valley Oregon and Nevada.

PRICES NOT MUCH CHANGED.

Not much change can be made in the general run of quotations, based on prices obtained on actual transactions. The principal weakness is in clothing territory stock and inferior wools of all descriptions, secured, nullo, New Mexican secured wools, for instance, held earlier in the season at 65 to 65 cents, are now freely offered at 55 to 65 cents, and not meeting with active movement. Such wools were valued too highly and their present cost is nearer what it should be.

In gross territory wools the heaviest transfers of the week are accounted for by one firm to a large spinner about 400,000 pounds changing hands. A secured basis estimated at from 40 to 60 cents. It was Idaho wool largely, and the grease price is said to be around 20 cents, and the actual secured cost probably not far from 35 cents. No other large individual purchases are made public, but there has been a considerable volume of small transactions, in one or two cases reaching 150,000 pounds each. It is reported that about 300,000 pounds of Wyoming clothing have changed hands and 125,000 pounds of medium half blood and three-eighths. Prices on the latter transactions are said to make the secured cost about 60 cents for the half blood and 55 cents for the three-eighths. Montana clothing wools that are held at 21 to 22 cents are being cleaned up as rapidly as possible at 20 to 21 cents. The better class of clothing wools are being taken by makers of high grade woolsens and those with French machinery on the secured basis of 60 to 62 cents for fine and 55 to 57 cents for the medium. There are small lines of No. 1 eastern staple Oregon wools left, but the interest of buyers cannot be aroused. The grade is quoted at 22 to 23 cents.

FINED FOR ASSAULT.

An Attempted Hold-Up in Lunch Cart for License Campaign.

W. B. McCarty appeared in city court Wednesday afternoon to answer to the charge of breach of the peace, on the occasion of Sam Bergman, who conducted a night lunch cart on Main street, McCarty was found guilty and fined \$20 and costs of \$10. Grand Juror H. B. Shaw appeared for the State, and E. F. Brownell and M. G. Leary were

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The Morrisville board of trade has received word from W. H. McDonald of Hardwick, who has been taking seriously of moving his store shed to Morrisville, that he has decided to remain in Hardwick.

Guy E. D. Proctor will be one of the speakers at the annual dinner of the Delta Union fraternity at Boston March 30. Others announced are Governor Hughes and District Attorney Jerome of New York.

Mrs. Josephine Gilligan of East Barnet is 36 years old and has a sister, Mrs. Mary J. Gilligan of Shelburne, who is 61 and a brother, Isaac Aldrich of Burke, who is 91. They are the only remaining children of a family of 10.

Ernest Douso of Marshfield went up into a tree that had become lodged and fell out with it being pinned down by a limb. Fortunately for Ernest an axe was within reach and he saved himself after 20 minutes of hard chopping.

The death of Mrs. Eunice Hoyt last week in Manchester was that of the old resident of Bennington county. She was born in Bennington September 21, 1810. Her husband, Norman Hoyt, died over 50 years ago.

It is thought that Swanton's new water system will be completed in about six weeks. All that remains to be done is the completion of about 200 feet of the deep cut near Fairview and the laying of 900 feet of pipe into its waters.

Edward Maxfield, who owns a farm lying in the town of Marshfield and Plainfield, has unobscurely paid taxes on the same piece of land in both towns for five years. He has been advised to relate by the board of civil authority in Marshfield.

The wholesale grocers of Vermont and New Hampshire gave their traveling salesmen a banquet at White River Junction Friday night. In the afternoon a business meeting was held at which problems confronting the wholesaler and his salesman were discussed.

The Vermont Packing company, organized by S. J. Gray of Bellows Falls and H. S. Davis of Cavendish, will locate its packing house in North Walpole, N. H. instead of in Bellows Falls. Land has been purchased there and work on the building will be commenced immediately.

Having turned down the Australian ballot system, the voters of Brattleboro will indicate in a genuine old-fashioned town meeting. It is not necessary to file papers for any of the officers but it is understood that it will not be all plain sailing for some when the voting and nominations from the floor begin.

F. W. Kenan, formerly postmaster at the Cavendish office, has been engaged by the United Merchants' association to reorganize the association and get the cash customer list into better shape. The association now has 15 members and efforts will be made to increase this number.

Reinforcement is the order on the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad. The smoking car has been taken off the main train, which saves the expense of one brakeman, and the crew of the shifting engine at Swanton has been dismissed. The crew of the morning express train will attend to the shifting.

Fire at Sucker pond, Stamford, has destroyed the cabin of Matt Green, hermit and trapper. He was chopping in the woods and it is supposed that an overheated stovepipe started the trouble. Matt saved his cat and dog but sustained a property loss of some \$50. He is now domiciled in another cabin all he can build as commodious quarters as before.

The final round-up of all Brattleboro's municipal departments show that the city's total debt is \$124,845.25, having been reduced during the year \$2,825.00. It is expected that the retirement of \$50,000 in sewer bonds will be effected by 1909. The indebtedness of the water department is \$2,000. It is considered capable of starting a sinking fund over and above the annual reduction of \$5,000 in four per cent bonds.

To show the intense political excitement in Rutland, the following is proposed: A politician, who was trying to size up sentiment for the several majority candidates, approached a Swede and inquired "What do you think of Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Johnson?" "Oh, I think he is all right." "And what is your opinion of Strobel and Underhill?" "Well, I think they are all right, too." "Yes, but who do you think has the best show?" "Ringling Brothers!"

According to a Pittsfield, Mass., despatch Miss Elsie Jones, a farmer's daughter, is missing from her home and her acquaintances connect her disappearance with the romantic attachment of the girl for Private Harry Roberts of Troop C, 13th cavalry, stationed at Fort Ethan Allen. Roberts was a field hand for Elsie's father last summer, returning a few weeks ago to renew his attentions to the girl in spite of the recollections of Mr. Jones. Roberts said he would marry her in the face of all parental objections.

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